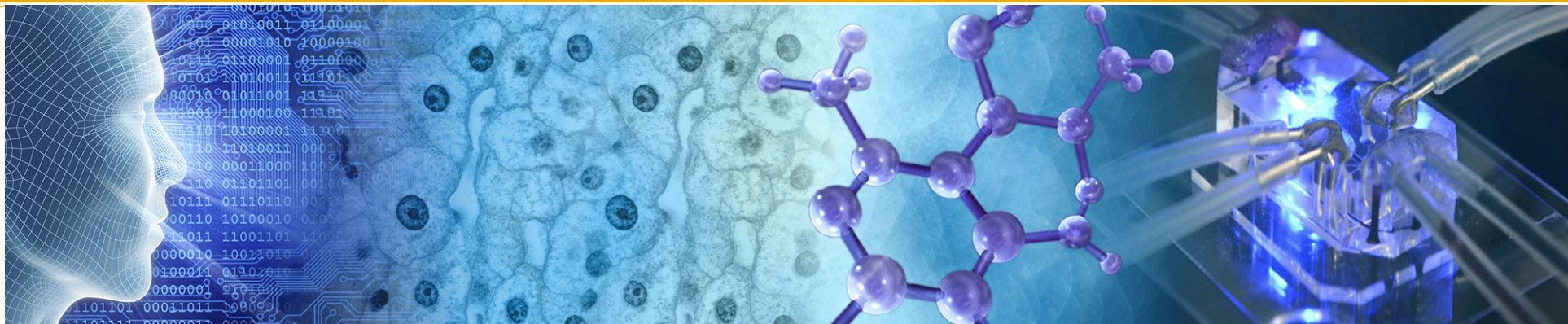




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## Collaborative Acute Toxicity Modeling Suite (CATMoS)

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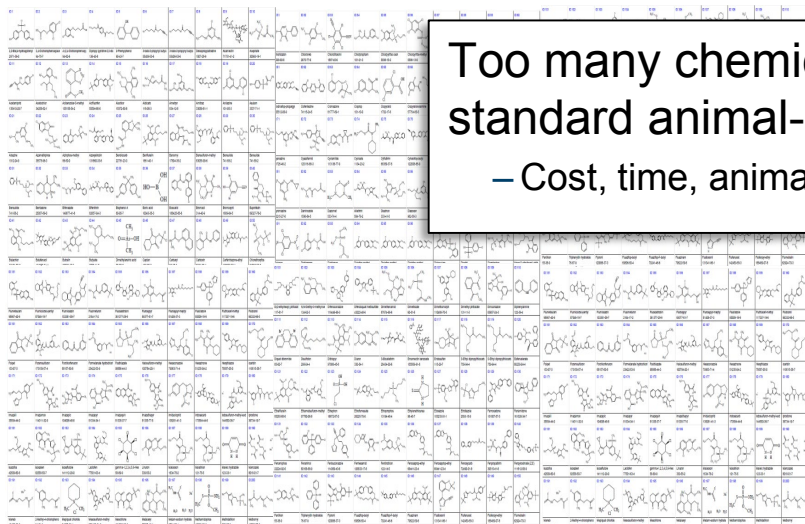




- Project scope: acute oral toxicity
  - Regulatory use of these data
  - Endpoints selected for predictive modeling
  - Compiling inventory of rat acute oral LD50
  - Establishing training, evaluation, and prediction sets
  - Evaluation of submitted models
- International contributors
- Generation of consensus predictions
- Current status and public release



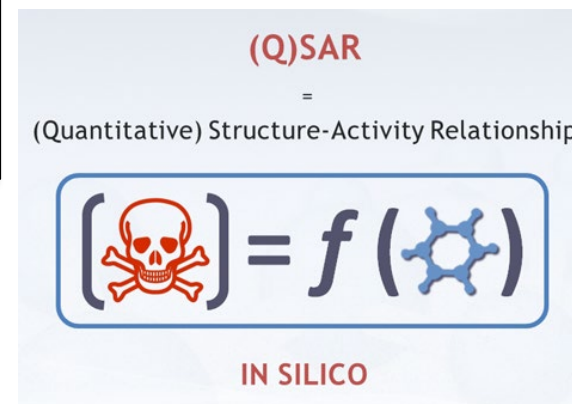
# Toxicity prediction



Too many chemicals to test with standard animal-based methods

– Cost, time, animal welfare

Alternative



- Organic **pollutants** with exposure potential **accumulate** in body tissues
  - Cause **toxic effects** to wild life and humans
- Existence of **gaps in the experimental data** for environmental endpoints
  - Need to fill the data gaps and bridge the **lack of knowledge**
- **Regulatory** requirements:
  - Reduce **animal** testing, **time** and **costs**
  - **Methodology:** use of **QSAR/QSPR** to **predict** the **endpoints** of interest.



# Scoping Regulatory Needs

## ICCVAM Acute Toxicity Workgroup

- Identifies federal agency requirements, needs, and decision contexts for using acute systemic toxicity data

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Status of acute systemic toxicity testing requirements and data uses by U.S. regulatory agencies

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ABSTRACT

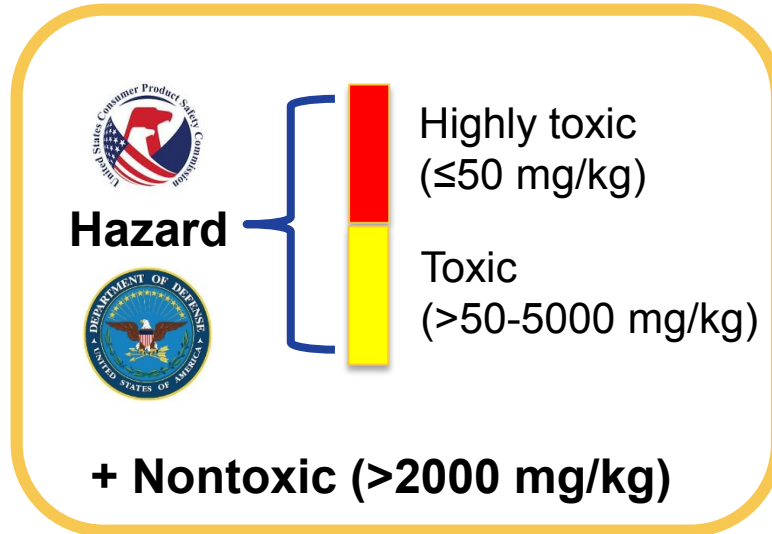
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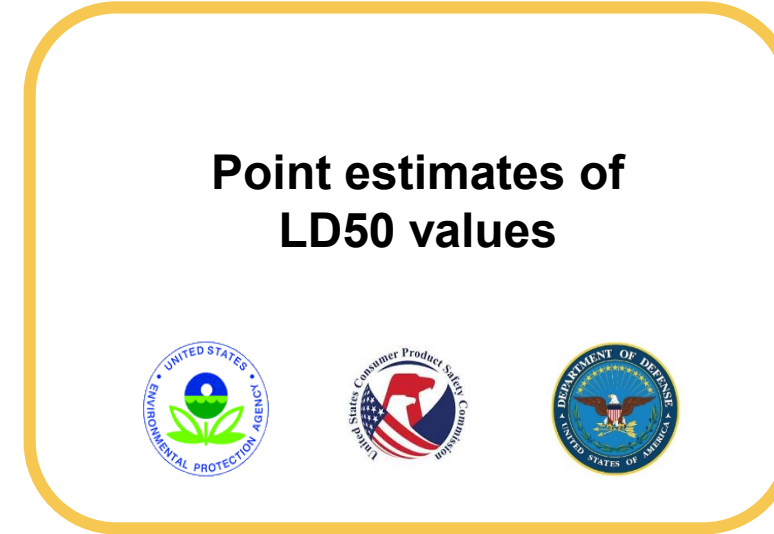


# Agency-Based Modeling Endpoint Selection

## Binary Models

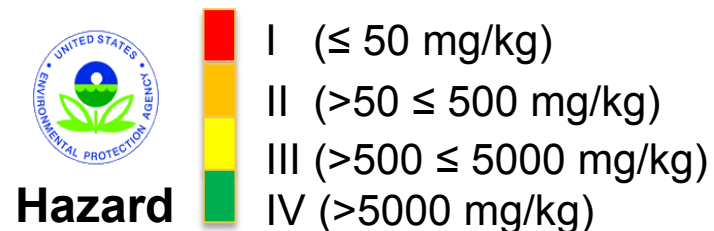


## Continuous Model



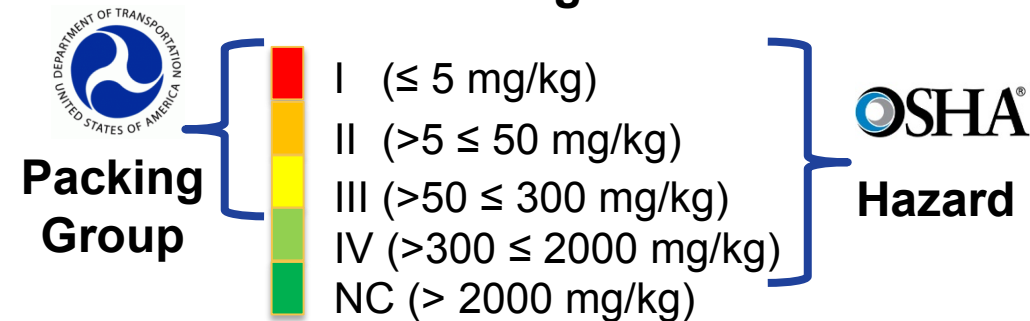
## Categorical Models

### EPA Categories



### Hazard

### GHS Categories





# Available data for modeling

Rat oral LD50s:

16,297 chemicals total

34,508 LD50 values

**15,688 chemicals total**

21,200 LD50 values

QSAR-ready standardization

Desalted, stereochemistry stripped,  
tautomers and nitro groups standardized,  
valence corrected, structures neutralized

**11992 chemicals with  
accurate structures**

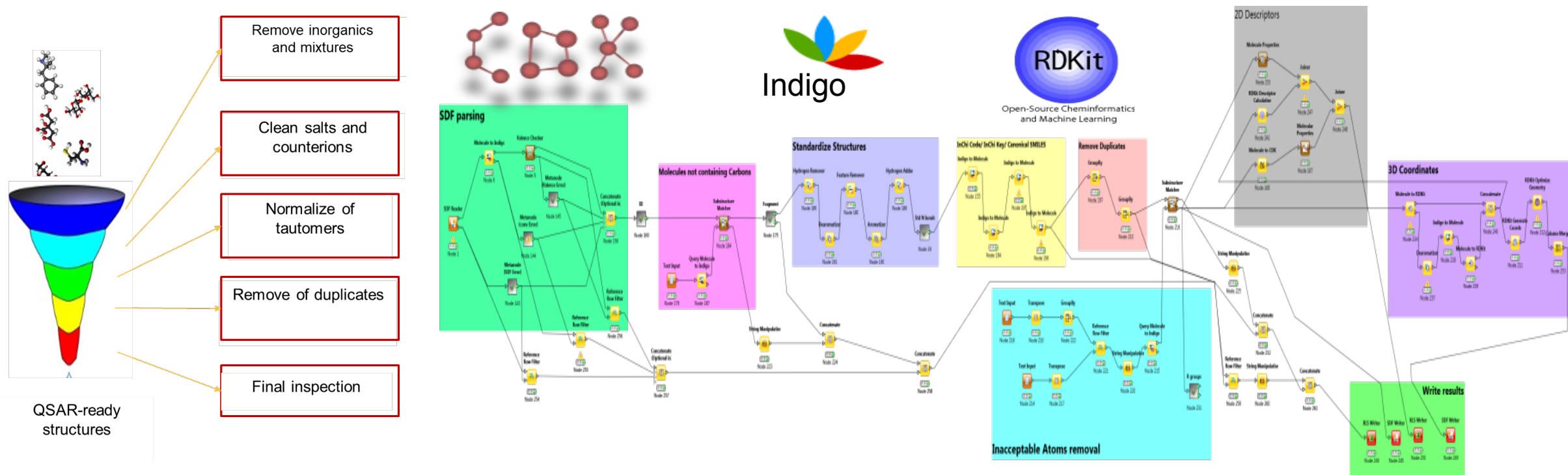
- Very toxic endpoint: 11886 entries (binary, 0/1)
- Non-toxic endpoint: 11871 entries (binary, 0/1)
- EPA endpoint: 11755 entries (categorical, 4 categories)
- GHS endpoint: 11845 entries (categorical, 5 categories)
- LD50 endpoint: 8908 entries (continuous values)



# QSAR-ready KNIME workflow

## Aim of the workflow:

- Combine different procedures and ideas
- Minimize the differences between the structures used for prediction
- Produce a flexible free and open source workflow to be shared



Fourches et al. J Chem Inf Model, 2010, 29, 476 – 488

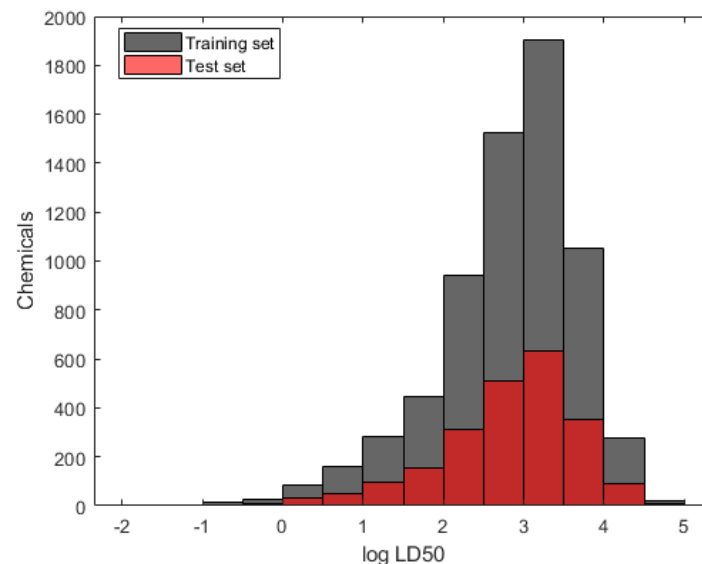
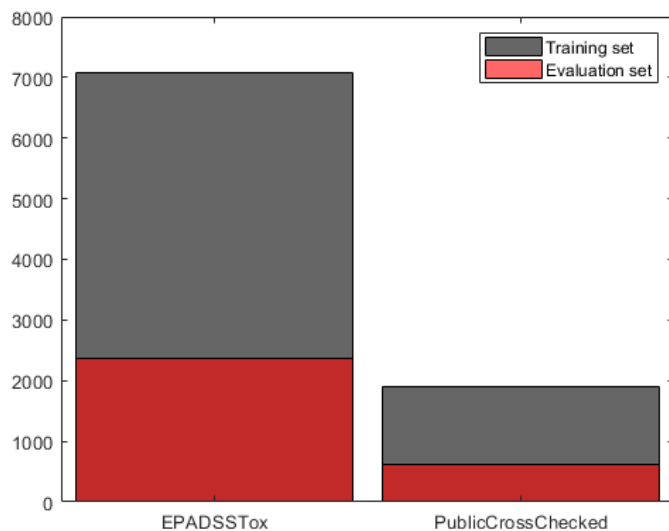
Wedebye et al. Danish EPA Environmental Project No. 1503, 2013

Mansouri et al. (<http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/15-10267/>)



# Establishing Modeling Dataset

- **Training and evaluation sets:**
  - 11,992 chemicals from the final inventory of chemicals with QSAR-ready structures having rat oral acute toxicity data were split into training and test sets:
    - 75% training set: 8,994 chemicals
    - 25% evaluation set: 2,998 chemicals
  - All endpoints training data included in same structure file
  - Similar distributions and variability for values and categories
  - Similar distribution of chemical structures sources







# Establishing Modeling Dataset

- Prediction set:

## Included lists of regulatory interest:

- ToxCast/Tox21
- EDSP
- TSCA
- Substances on the market  
(EPA Dashboard list)



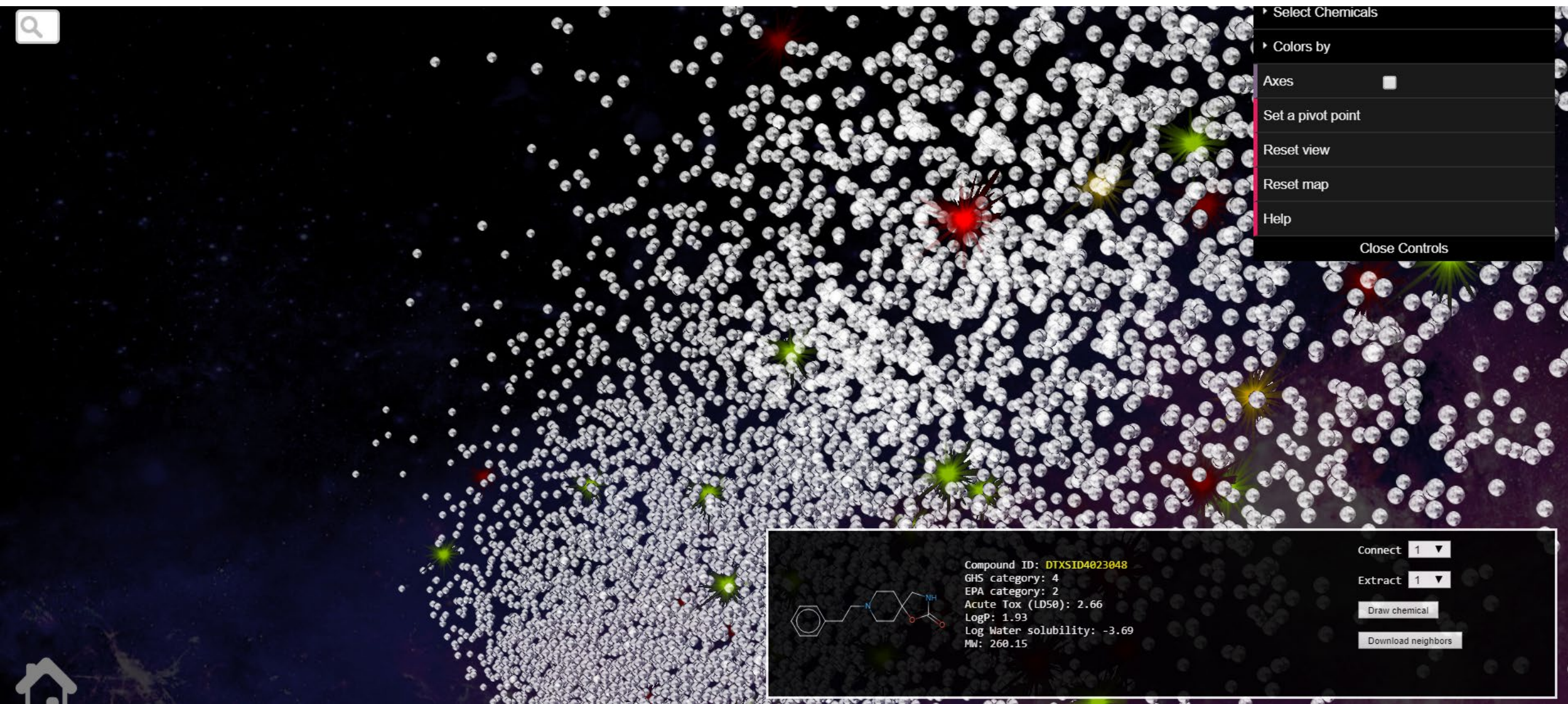
After QSAR-ready  
standardization:

48137 structures to be  
predicted (including the  
evaluation set)



# ChemMaps landscape of CATMoS chemicals

<http://www.chemmaps.com/chemmaps/DSSToxMap3D/>



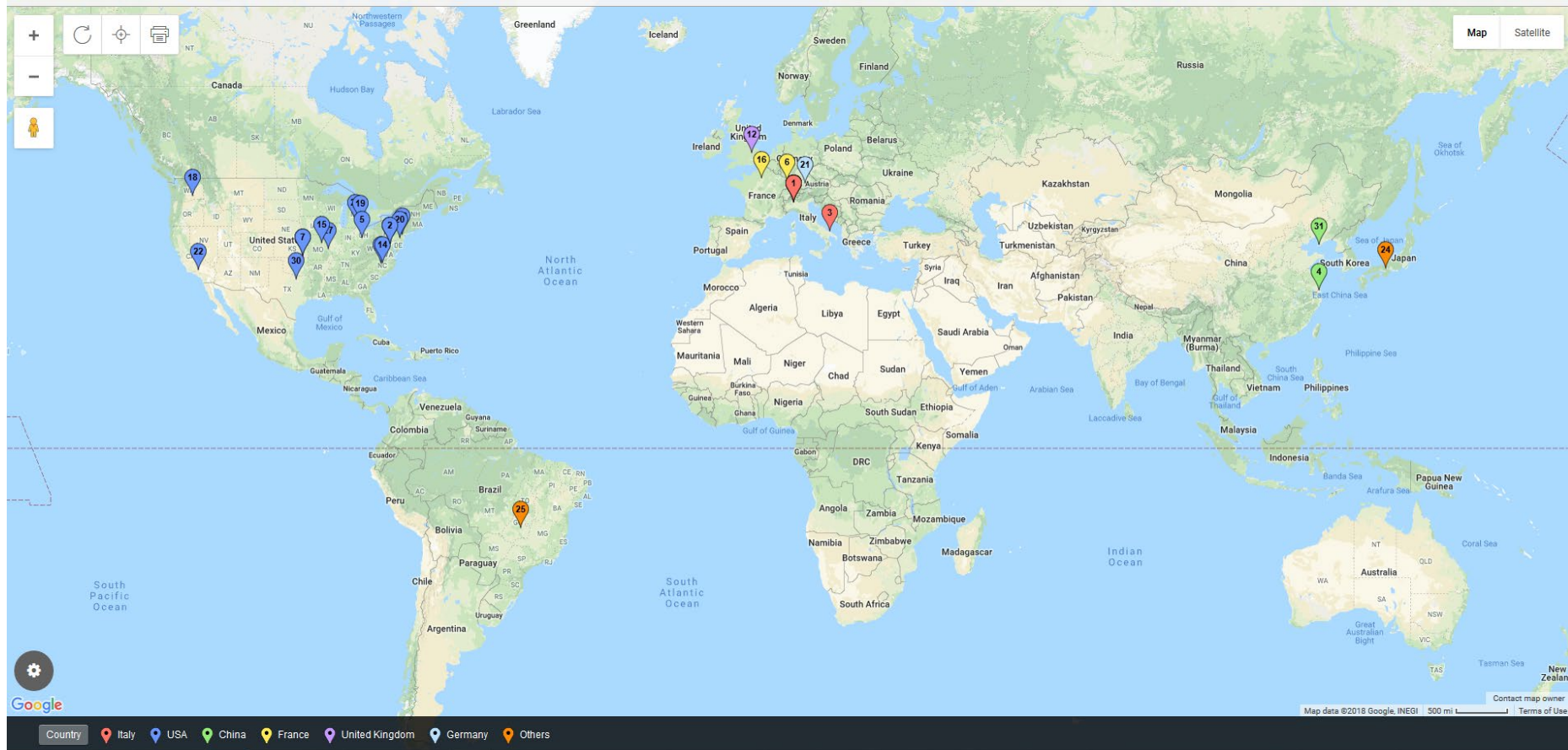




# International Collaboration

## Consortium:

- **35 Participants/Groups** from around the globe representing academia, industry, and government contributed



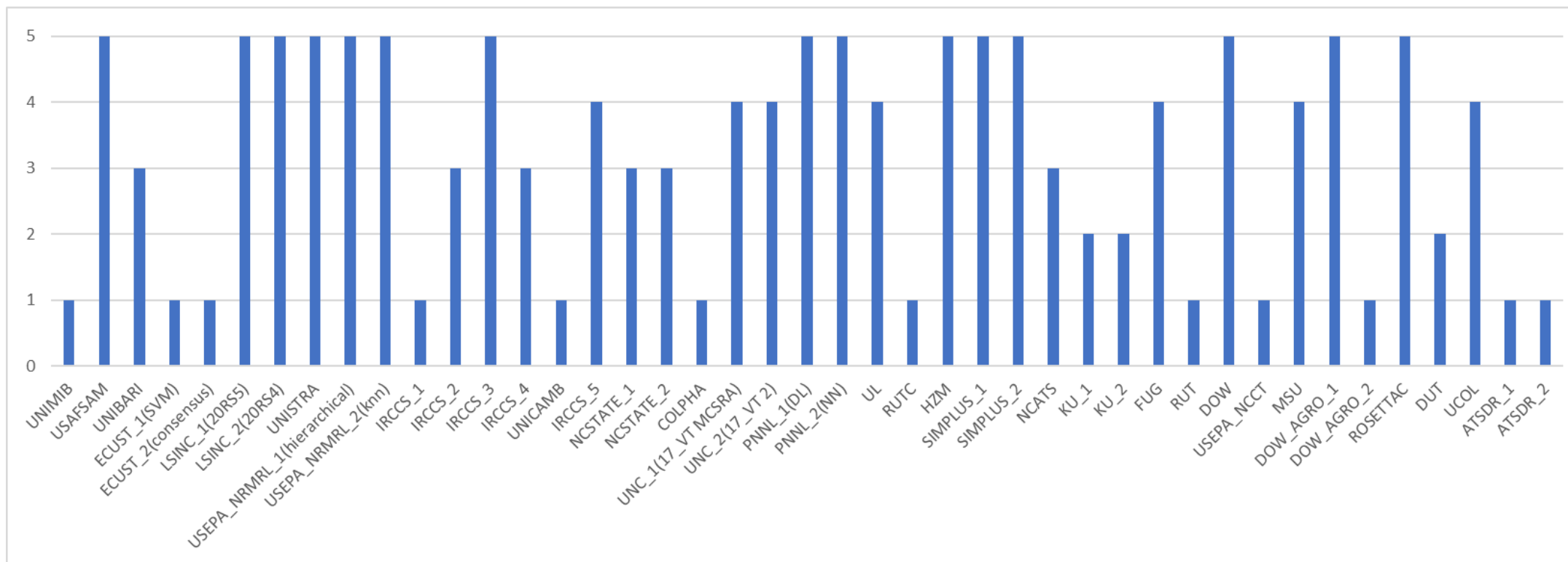
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# Submitted Models

- Non-toxic: 33 models
- Very Toxic: 32 models
- GHS categories: 23 models
- EPA categories: 26 models
- LD50: 25 models

**Total: 139 models**





# Evaluation procedure

## Qualitative evaluation:

- Documentation
- Defined endpoint
- Unambiguous algorithm
- Availability of code
- Applicability domain definition
- Availability of data used for modeling
- Mechanistic interpretation

## Quantitative evaluation:

- Goodness of fit: training statistics
- Evaluation set predictivity: statistics on the evaluation set
- Robustness: balance between (Goodness of fit) & (Test set predictivity)

$$S = 0.3 * (\text{Goodness of fit}) + 0.45 * (\text{Test set predictivity}) + 0.25 * (\text{Robustness})$$

### Categorical models (binary and multi-class):

$$\text{Goodness of fit} = 0.7 * (BA_{Tr}) + 0.3 * (1 - |Sn_{Tr} - \widetilde{Sp_{Tr}}|)$$

$$\text{Test set predictivity} = 0.7 * (BA_{Tst}) + 0.3 * (1 - |Sn_{Tst} - \widetilde{Sp_{Tst}}|)$$

$$\text{Robustness} = 1 - |BA_{Tr} - BA_{Tst}|$$

### Continuous models:

$$\text{Goodness of fit} = R_{Tr}^2$$

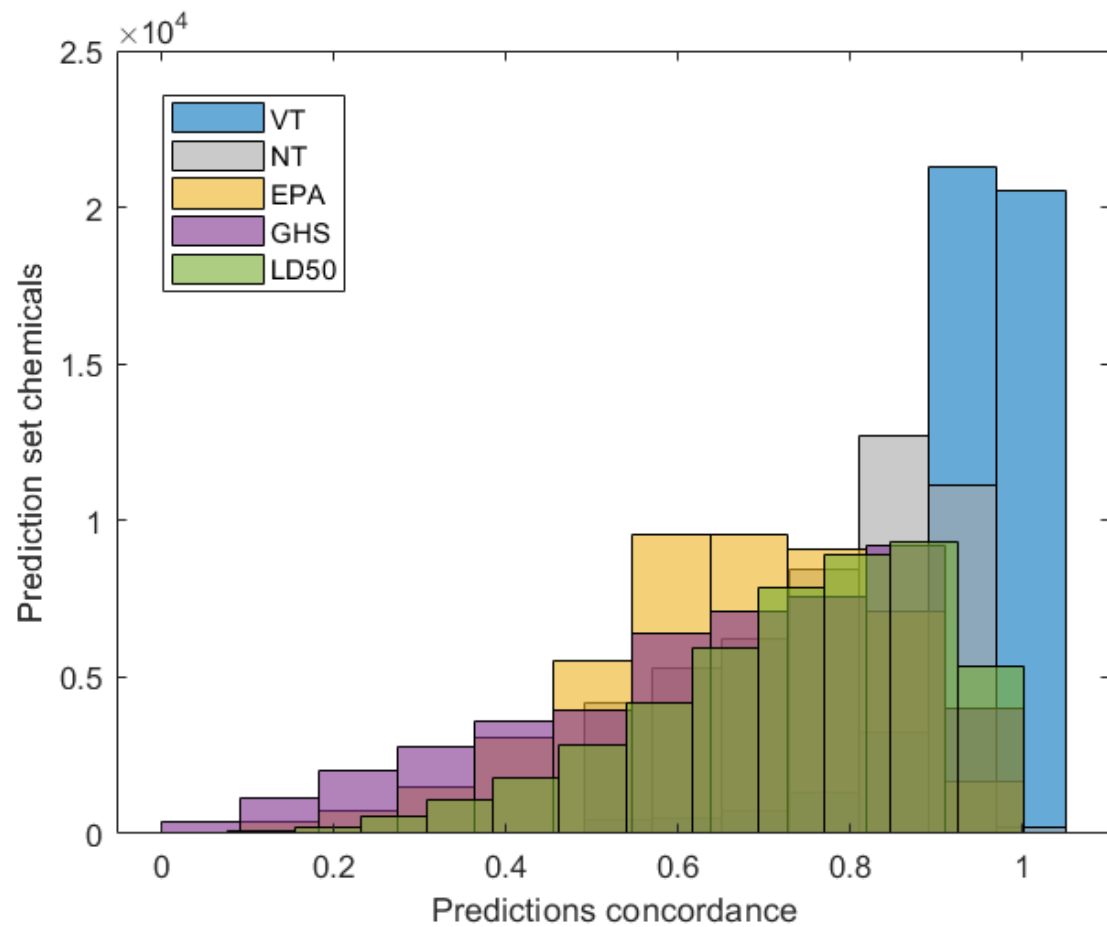
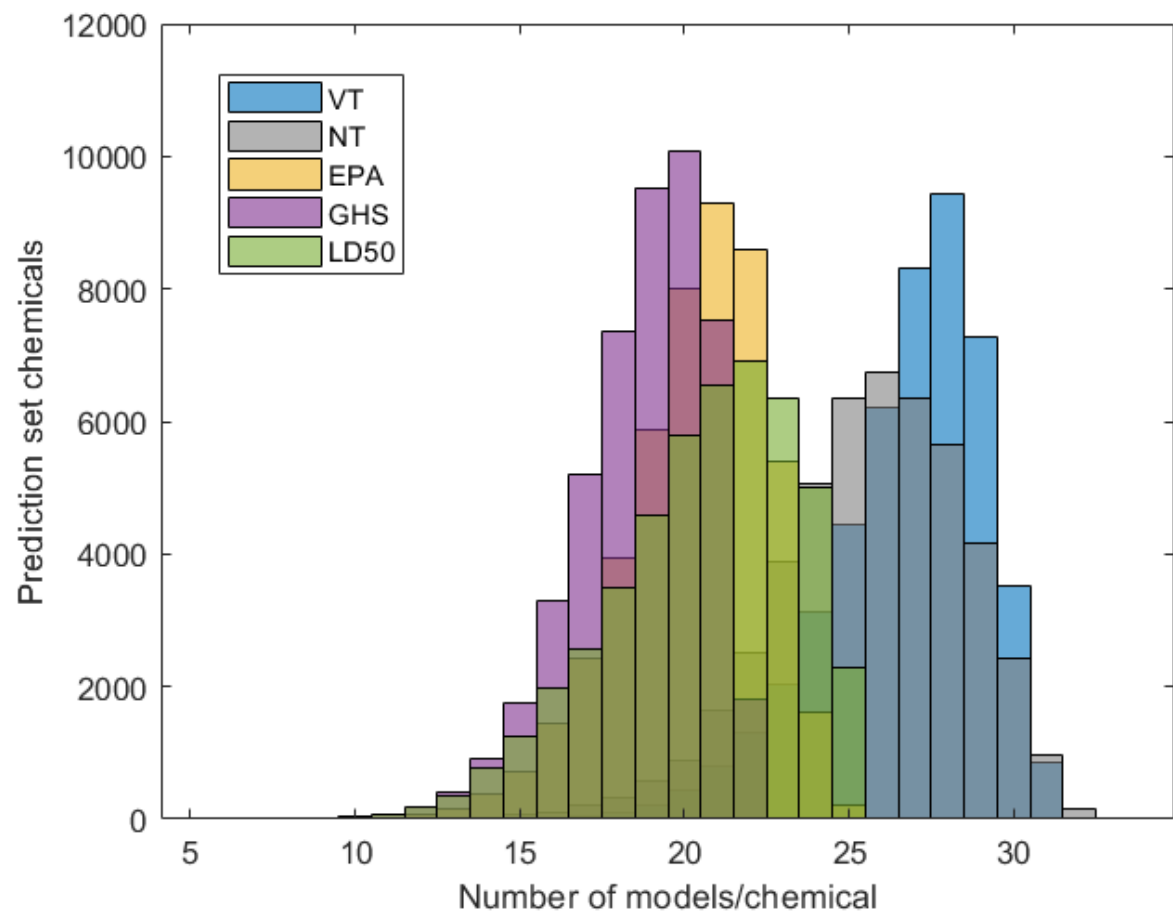
$$\text{Test set predictivity} = R_{Tst}^2$$

$$\text{Robustness} = 1 - |R_{Tr}^2 - R_{Tst}^2|$$





# Coverage and concordance of the models





# CATMoS consensus modeling

## Steps of combining the single models into consensus

### Initial models & predictions

- VT (32 models)
- NT (33 models)
- GHS (23 models)
- EPA (26 models)
- LD50 (25 models)

Combining models

Step 1

Weighted average  
/majority rule

### Independent consensus models/predictions

- VT
- NT
- GHS
- EPA
- LD50

A consensus model  
per endpoint  
(~20-~30 models)

Weight of Evidence  
approach (WoE)

Step 2

Majority rule

### Consistent consensus models/predictions

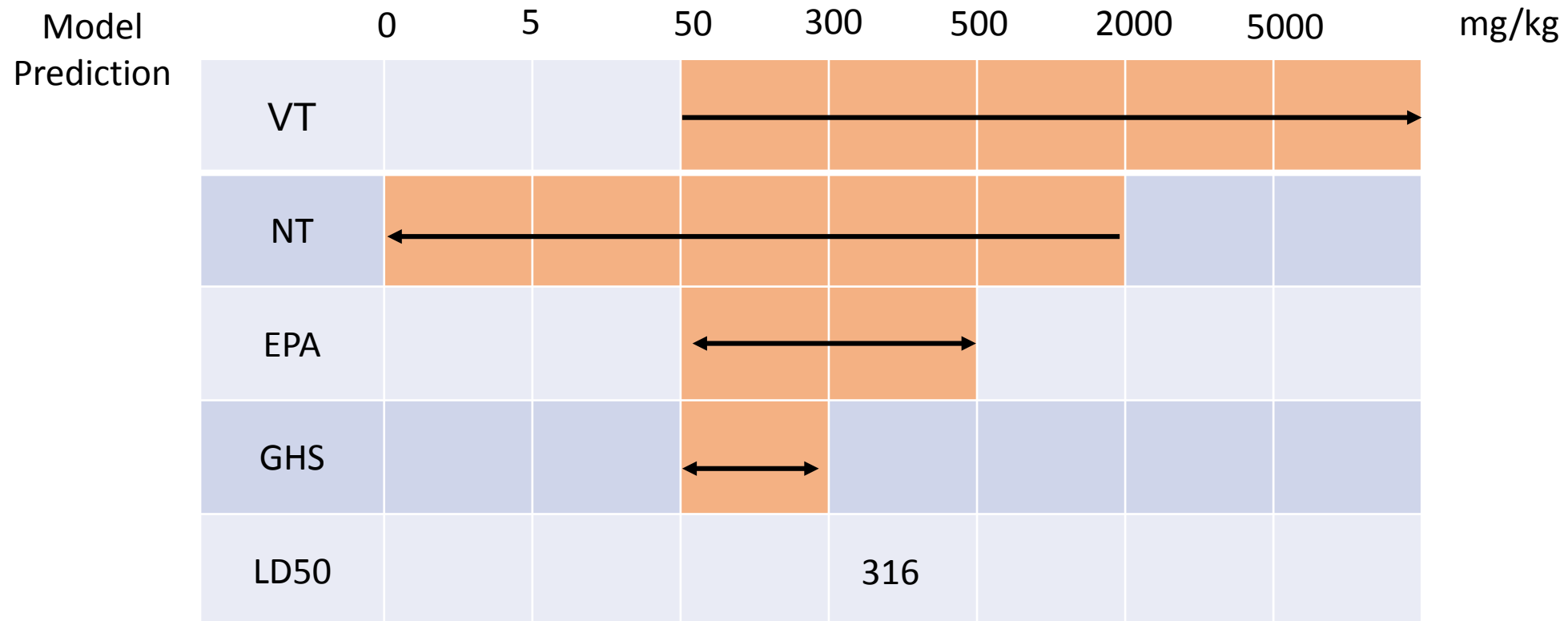
- VT
- NT
- GHS
- EPA
- LD50

Consensus  
representing all  
~140 models



# WoE approach to combine the 5 endpoints

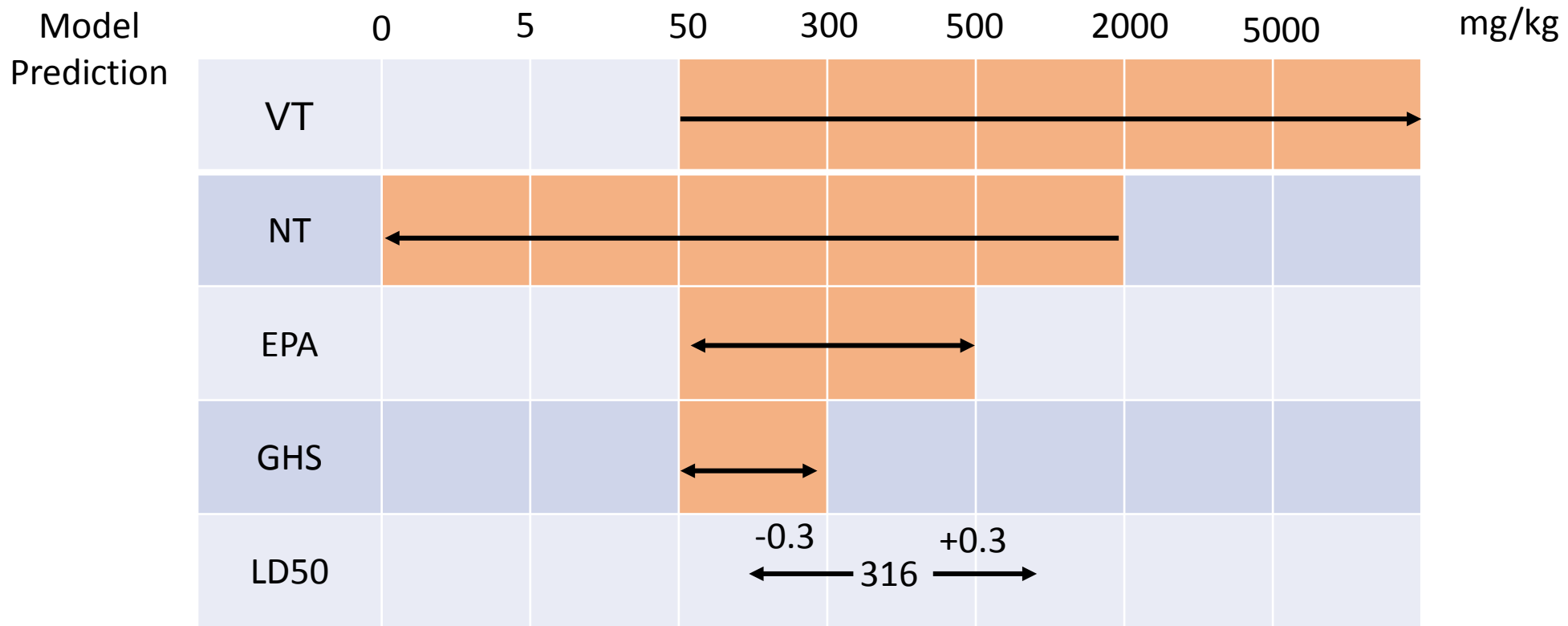
	VT	NT	EPA	GHS	LD50
molX	0	0	2	3	2.5





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Variability range (log units) for LD50



# WoE approach to combine the 5 endpoints

	VT	NT	EPA	GHS	LD50
molX	0	0	2	3	2.5

Model	0	5	50	300	500	2000	5000	mg/kg
Prediction								
VT	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	
NT	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	
EPA	0	0	1	1		0	0	
GHS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
LD50	0	0	1	1	1			
WoE	1	1	5	4	3	1	1	





# WoE approach to combine the 5 endpoints

Original: independent calls

	VT	NT	EPA	GHS	LD50
molX	0	0	2	3	2.5



WoE: consistent calls

	VT	NT	EPA	GHS	LD50
molX	0	0	2	3	2.36

Model Prediction	Winning bin							mg/kg
	0	5	50	300	500	2000	5000	
VT	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	
NT	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	
EPA	0	0	1	1		0	0	
GHS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
<u>LD50?</u>	0	0	1	1	1			
			160		613			
WoE	1	1	5	4	3	1	1	

How to adjust quantitative LD50?  
**Avg of Lower CI and upper bin threshold**

$$(160+300)/2 = 230\text{mg/kg}$$





# Performance Assessment

## Consensus Model Statistics

	VT Train	VT Eval	NT Train	NT Eval	EPA Train	EPA Eval	GHS Train	GHS Eval
Sensitivity	0.87	0.70	0.88	0.67	0.81	0.62	0.80	0.58
Specificity	0.99	0.97	0.97	0.90	0.92	0.86	0.95	0.90
Balanced Accuracy	0.93	0.84	0.92	0.78	0.87	0.74	0.88	0.74
<b><i>In vivo</i></b> <b>Balanced Accuracy</b>	0.81		0.89		0.82		0.79	

	LD50 Train	LD50 Eval	LD50 <i>In Vivo</i>
R2	0.85	0.65	0.80
RMSE	0.30	0.49	0.42

The consensus predictions perform just as well as replicate *in vivo* data do at predicting oral acute toxicity outcome



# Extended CATMoS predictions

## Weighted read-across



★ New chemical to be predicted      ● Nearest neighbors ( $N_i$ )

$d_i$ : Euclidean distance based on the selected descriptors for each endpoint

➡ Automated, similarity-endpoint dependent read-across: weighted kNN



# Generation of Consensus Predictions

- Models passing qualitative evaluation (requirement for transparency; description of approach was sufficient)
- Integrating only *in-domain* predictions across chemicals in the prediction set (48,137 chemicals) for each model, respectively
  - Categorical models: weighted majority rule
  - Continuous model: weighted average



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## Collaboration with ATWG partners and ICCVAM agencies

Agency	No. Substances	Agency	No. Substances
Air Force	421	EPA OPP	36
Army Public Health Command	18	EPA OPPT	8
Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center	42	EPA NCCT	4815
CPSC	110	FDA CFSAN	22
DOT	3671		

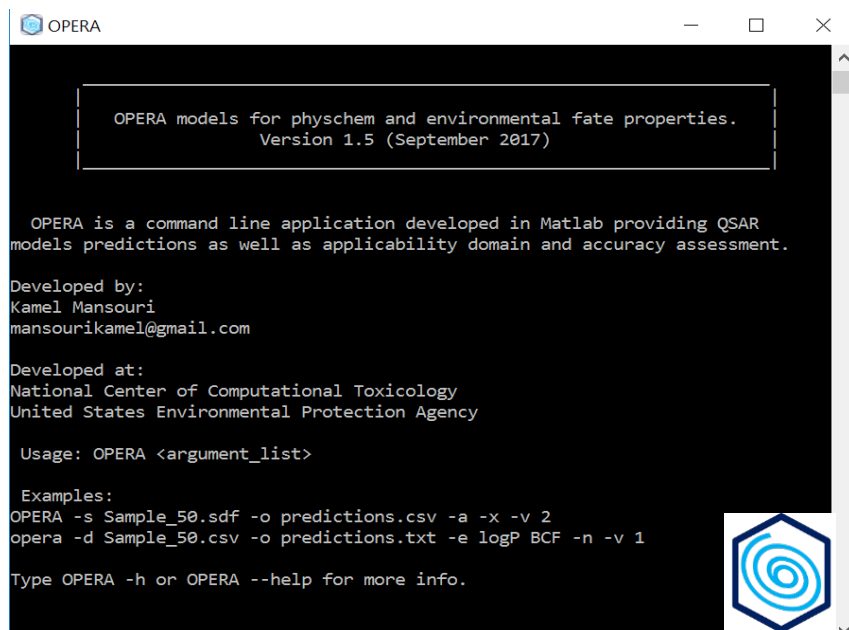
**Evaluate and optimize CATMoS predictions based on lists of interest**





# Running CATMoS Consensus models

## OPERA Standalone application



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OPERA
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OPERA models for physchem and environmental fate properties.
Version 1.5 (September 2017)

OPERA is a command line application developed in Matlab providing QSAR
models predictions as well as applicability domain and accuracy assessment.

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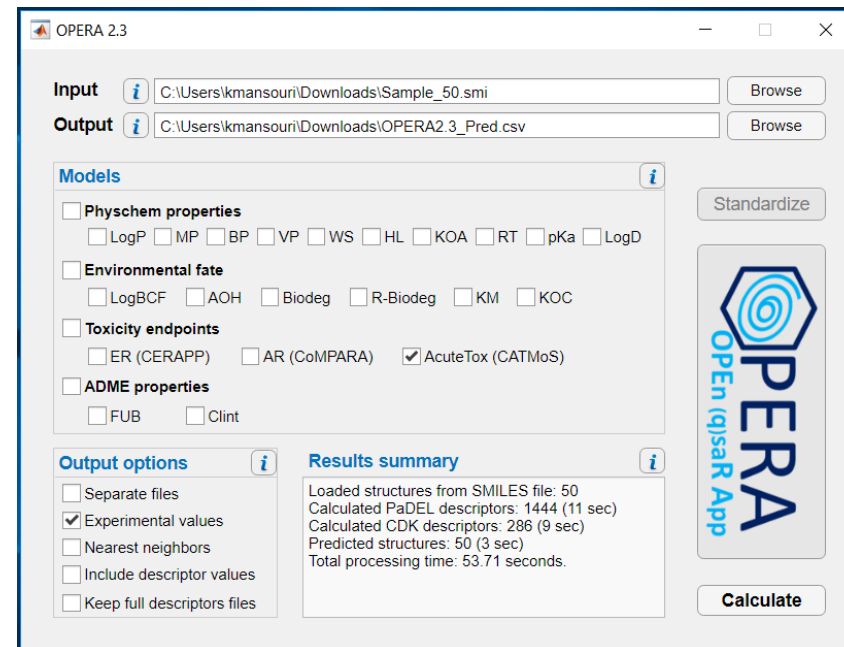
Developed at:
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United States Environmental Protection Agency

Usage: OPERA <argument_list>

Examples:
OPERA -s Sample_50.sdf -o predictions.csv -a -x -v 2
opera -d Sample_50.csv -o predictions.txt -e logP BCF -n -v 1

Type OPERA -h or OPERA --help for more info.
```

Command line



OPERA 2.3

Input: C:\Users\kmansouri\Downloads\Sample\_50.smi [Browse]

Output: C:\Users\kmansouri\Downloads\OPERA2.3\_Pred.csv [Browse]

**Models**

- ☐ Physchem properties
  - ☐ LogP ☐ MP ☐ BP ☐ VP ☐ WS ☐ HL ☐ KOA ☐ RT ☐ pKa ☐ LogD
- ☐ Environmental fate
  - ☐ LogBCF ☐ AOH ☐ Biodeg ☐ R-Biodeg ☐ KM ☐ KOC
- ☐ Toxicity endpoints
  - ☐ ER (CERAPP) ☐ AR (CoMPARA) ☒ AcuteTox (CATMoS)
- ☐ ADME properties
  - ☐ FUB ☐ Clint

**Output options**

- ☐ Separate files
- ☒ Experimental values
- ☐ Nearest neighbors
- ☐ Include descriptor values
- ☐ Keep full descriptors files

**Results summary**

Loaded structures from SMILES file: 50  
Calculated PaDEL descriptors: 1444 (11 sec)  
Calculated CDK descriptors: 286 (9 sec)  
Predicted structures: 50 (3 sec)  
Total processing time: 53.71 seconds.

Standardize [Calculate]

Graphical user interface

- Free, opensource & open-data
- Single chemical and batch mode
- Multiple platforms (Windows and Linux)
- Embeddable libraries (java, C, C++, Python)

<https://github.com/NIEHS/OPERA>



## OPERA 1.5

Physchem & Environmental fate:

Model	Property
AOH	Atmospheric Hydroxylation Rate
BCF	Bioconcentration Factor
BioHL	Biodegradation Half-life
RB	Ready Biodegradability
BP	Boiling Point
HL	Henry's Law Constant
KM	Fish Biotransformation Half-life
KOA	Octanol/Air Partition Coefficient
LogP	Octanol-water Partition Coefficient
MP	Melting Point
KOC	Soil Adsorption Coefficient
VP	Vapor Pressure
WS	Water solubility
RT	HPLC retention time

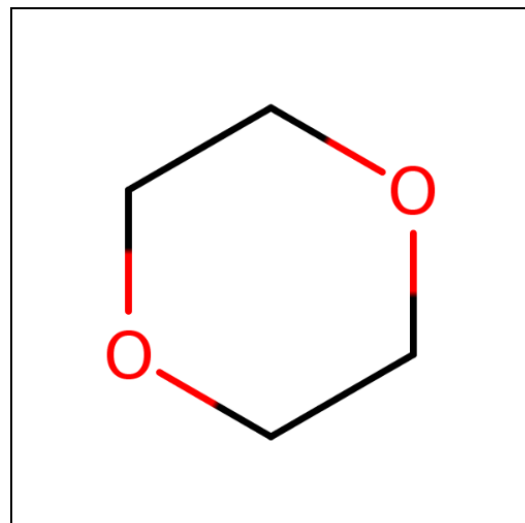


## New in OPERA2:

- Physchem properties:
  - General structural properties
  - pKa
  - Log D
- ADME properties
  - Plasma fraction unbound (FuB)
  - Intrinsic clearance (Clint)
- Toxicity endpoints
  - ER activity (CERAPP)  
<https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/15-10267/>
  - AR activity (CoMPARA)  
<https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.19612.80009>
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# CATMoS prediction examples



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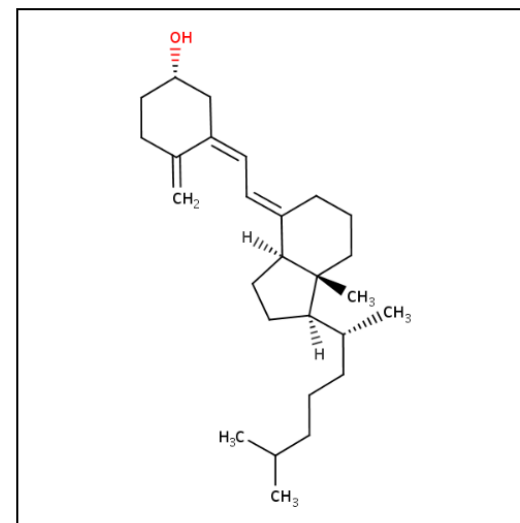
123-91-1 | DTXSID4020533

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

**Average Mass:** 88.106 g/mol

LD50: 4200 mg/kg  
log<sub>10</sub> LD50= 3.62

<https://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard/dsstoxdb/results?search=DTXSID4020533>



Vitamin D3

67-97-0 | DTXSID6026294

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O

**Average Mass:** 384.648 g/mol

LD50: 42 mg/kg  
log<sub>10</sub> LD50= 1.62

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## CATMoS predictions:


MoleculeID	CATMoS_VT_pred	CATMoS_NT_pred	CATMoS_EPA_pred	CATMoS_GHS_pred	CATMoS_LD50_pred	AD_CATMoS	AD_index_CATMoS	Conf_index_CATMoS
'123-91-1'	0	1	3	5	3.4053	1	1	0.9500
'67-97-0'	1	0	1	2	1.2845	1	1	0.8684



# Soon on NTP/ICE and EPA CompTox dashboard

<https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/>

<https://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard>



## National Toxicology Program

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Integrated Chemical Environment

Chemicals

Input

Results


Assay	Description	Assay Type
NHK NRU	Acute Oral Toxicity	in vitro
3T3 NRU	Acute Oral Toxicity	in vitro

Select EAD to visualize: EAD 95th

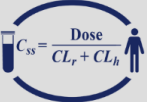
Select in vivo data to display: Acute Oral Toxicity

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EAD 95th Box and Whisker




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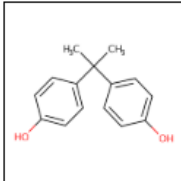


Chemical Characterization



## United States Environmental Protection Agency

Home Advanced Search Batch Search Lists Predictions



# Bisphenol A

80-05-7 | DTXSID702

Searched by DSSTox Substance Id.

Property

Summary

Download Columns

Property	Experimental average	Predicted
LogP: Octanol-Water	3.32 (1)	3.29
Melting Point	155 (7)	139
Boiling Point	200 (1)	363
Water Solubility	5.26e-4 (1)	9.62e-4
Vapor Pressure	-	8.37e-7
Flash Point	-	190
Surface Tension	-	46.0
Index of Refraction	-	1.60
Molar Refractivity	-	68.2

DETAILS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROPERTIES

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SIMILAR COMPOUNDS

GENRA (BETA)

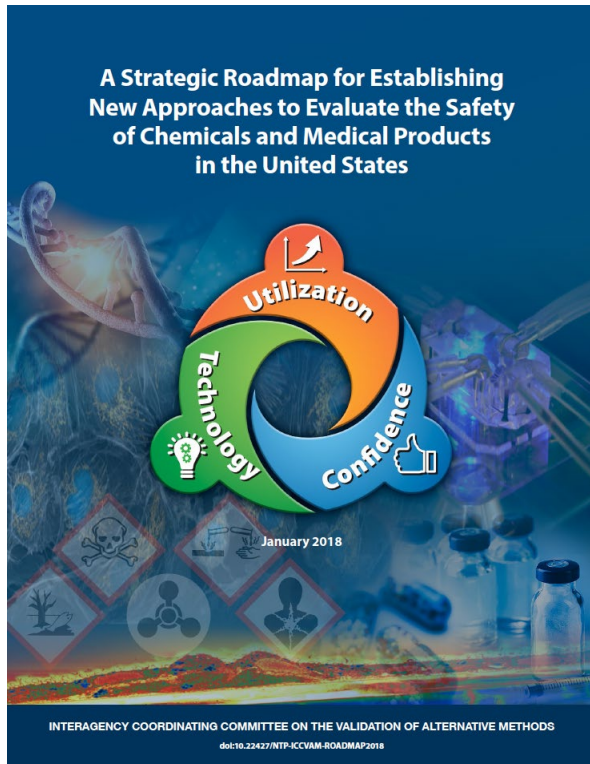
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SYNONYMS



# The “3C” Concept at Work!

- Success of the project was due in great part to the use of the 3C concept as well as up-front and continuous engagement of regulators in the process



Communication



Collaboration



Commitment

<https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/natl-strategy>

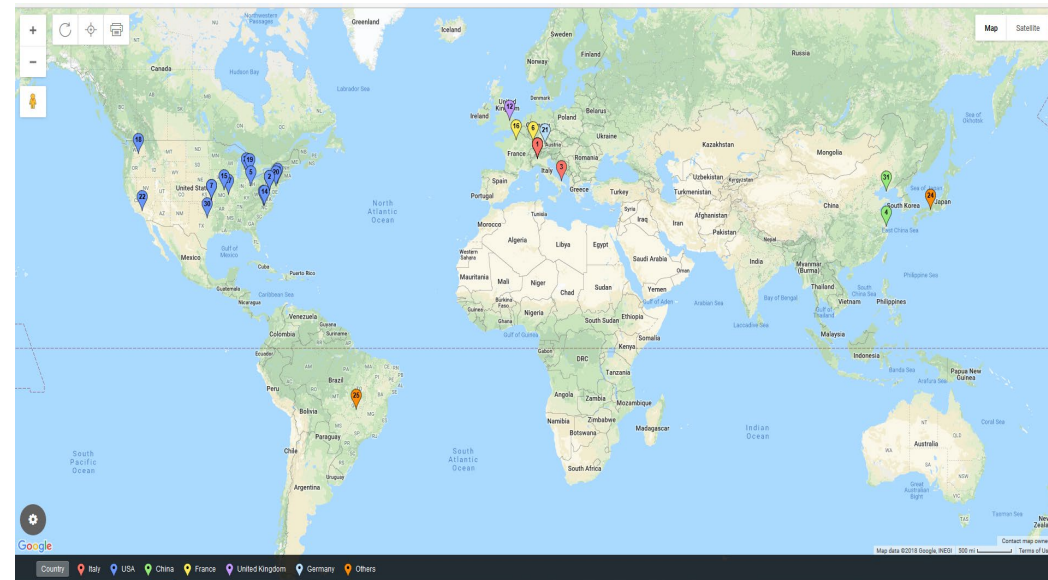


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